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St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	636-274-6520					

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to bulletin@sjiparish.org. The deadline is each Monday at noon.



Mass Times

Sat.: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Sun.: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

Mon.: 6:30 am

Tues. - Fri. 6:30 & 8:00 am

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00 pm Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

T/W/Th 9:00 am—9:00 pm

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Attendance at a Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes are held the 2nd Thursday of the month; call to schedule.

Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

For those who have been baptized Catholic or wish to enter the Catholic Church, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes are required. For more information contact Sr. Rosemary.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is seriously sick and would like a visit from one of the priests may call the parish office to request one. Hospitals no longer call parishes with this information.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Contact one of the priests to begin your preparation at least nine months before the anticipated wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders and Vowed Religious Life

If you are interested in learning about a religious vocation, please contact one of the priests or the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at stlvocations.org or 314-792-6460.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion may call the office to make arrangements.

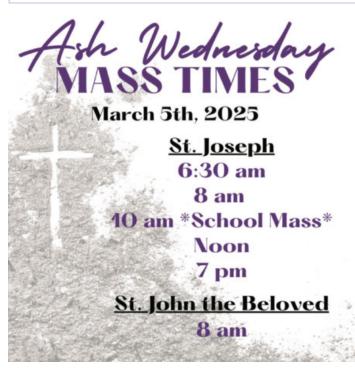
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Ministry Schedule	February 22 4:30 pm	February 23 7:00 am	February 23 8:30 am	February 23 10:00 am	February 23 11:30 am	February 23 4:30 pm
Lectors	Esparza Simms	Chapman Chapman	Nicholas Preston	Fleis Zublionis	Hobbs Schurk	Jelavich
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Mass Intentions				
Monday	February 17, 2025			
6:30 am	Stephen Herrell			
Tuesday	February 18, 2025			
6:30 am	Barbara Busque			
8:00 am	Joshua Dudaric			
Wednesday	February 19, 2025			
6:30 am	The Poor Souls in Purgatory			
8:00 am	Julie Picard			
Thursday	February 20, 2025			
6:30 am	Lester & Lucy Sitzes			
8:00 am	Pat Adelmann			
Friday	February 21, 2025			
6:30 am	Charles McAndrews			
8:00 am	Parker Schaefer			
Saturday	February 22, 2025			
8:00 am	Katherine Gantz			
4:30 pm	0 pm Roman & Eleanor Wingbermuehle			
Sunday	February 23, 2025			
7:00 am	Fabian "Sonny" Schilly			
8:30 am	Elaine Frauenhoffer			
10:00 am	Regina Lang			
11:30 am	Ricardo Menjivar-Orellana Special Intention			
4:30 pm	Greg Blume			

Please stop by, call, or email the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass cards for *special intentions* or *in memory* are available; they may be picked up in the parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.

Parish Stewardship 1/20/2025 - 1/26/2025				
	Current	Fiscal YTD		
Offertory				
Total collected	\$17,100.78	\$709,658.23		
Amount needed	\$23,292.23	\$698,766.92		
Surplus or shortage	\$6191.45	\$10,891.31		
Special collections				
Tuition assistance	\$80.00			
St. Vincent de Paul	\$312.91			
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$471.00			







From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope – the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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Fish Fry

The annual fish fry season will be upon us soon. The fish fry is a time-honored event that not only provides a delicious meal for our community, but also serves as an opportunity for fellowship and outreach. But, as with all things, it takes the hands and hearts of many to make it successful. That's where you come in!

We are in need of volunteers to help with all aspects of the event—from cooking and serving to setting up and cleaning up. Whether you can spare an hour or the entire evening, your help will make a difference. Volunteering is a beautiful way to put your faith into action, and it offers a chance to connect with fellow parishioners in a spirit of love and service.

By giving of your time and talent, you'll not only help make the fish fry a success, but you will also create lasting memories of working together as the Body of Christ. Your involvement in this event is an opportunity to grow in fellowship, strengthen our parish community, and most importantly, serve others as Christ calls us to do.

It takes about 50 volunteers each week to make this parish fundraiser successful. I encourage you to sign up to help where you can by scanning the QR code on the flyer or visiting the parish website at www.sjiparish.org/2025/02/fish-fry.

Back this year by popular demand, we will accept nut free homemade dessert donations. We will still accept store bought desserts too. Please drop off desserts on the cart in the Corpus Christi Center lobby from 7:30 am-3:30 pm Wednesday-Friday of a fish fry week.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our parish. I look forward to seeing you at the Fish Fry—whether to serve, share a meal, or simply enjoy the company of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

Enrollment Update

- 1. Re-enrollment for current families is underway
- 2. The application process for new students began on February $4^{\rm th}$
- 3. The application window for scholarships through the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) opens on January 21st and closes on February 28th. Not all scholarships are needbased, and funds are awarded on a first-come basis, so don't delay. Also note that although the parish does offer financial assistance, families must apply through TTEF first. More details: https://www.stjosephimperial.org/Admission/Scholarships/index.html

February 16th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. Jesus teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessings or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Business Meeting: 2/24, 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting: 3/12, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.



St. Joseph and St. John Parishes are looking for a communication coordinator.
This full-time position will

support the Pastor's vision for clear communication to the parish. This person will design and produce digital and print media, coordinate social media engagements, and perform other related tasks, while exercising creative expression and utilizing a vast array of media. For a full job description or to apply visit www.careers.archstl.org.

"Christ not only was obedient to His Heavenly



Father by giving up His life on the cross, He continues this obedience by remaining with us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. That is His greatest triumph of love, which according to His promise, He

will fulfill until the end of the world. " — Mother Raphael Lubowidzka of the Sweetest Heart of Jesus

Draw closer to the Lord, Our Redeemer, by visiting Him at the Adoration Chapel. Jesus is really there, His True Presence, (under the appearance of a host), and each moment spent with Him deepens your relationship. Grow more and more in love with Jesus as He fills your heart with His love.

HOURS from 9am - 9pm Tuesday thru Thursday (Exposition of Our Lord) All other hours (Our Lord remains in the tabernacle) ADORERS NEEDED EACH WEEK FOR AN HOUR

Wednesdays 1:00 pm and 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 3:00pm or 4:00pm
Please contact Barb @ 314-732-2256 if you would like to sign up for an hour or have questions.

(Ask the office for the door code.)



ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us Sunday evenings from 8-9:30pm in the Gym for some pick-up

games. All skill levels are welcome.
For more information or to get on the communication list, please contact adultsports@stjoehawks.com.

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"Where sin increased grace overflowed the more."
Romans 5:20

We are pleased to offer a Lenten series entitled **Seven Deadly Sins—Seven Lively Virtues.**

Join Bishop Robert Barron for a challenging presentation of Seven Deadly Sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and with one another. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, avarice, gluttony, and lust are presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract those seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition which are the 'seven lively virtues.' The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

Sessions will be held in the Corpus Christi Center on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Sessions and dates:

February 26: Pride & Humility

March 12: Envy & Admiration

March 19: Anger & Forgiveness

March 26: Sloth & Zeal

April 2: Avarice & Generosity

April 9: Gluttony & Asceticism

April 16: Lust & Chastity

To register please contact Sr. Rosemary at rbuttice@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013 ext. 106.



Jonah Prayer Ministry at St. John the Beloved Disciple

Saturday, 3/1 after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, 3/2 after 9:00 am Mass

Immediately after Mass near the front of church, Jonah prayer ministers will be available to pray with you for whatever is on your heart, confidentially.

Prime Timers

The next Prime Timer's meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th at 12:30 pm.

All members of St. Joseph & St. John are welcome to attend. Only catch is that you must be 55 or older.

Any questions, please call

Lorraine at 732-259-0738.

OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER

May those who are ill be blessed by Jesus' healing presence:

Judy Becker Iim Kaiser Kathy Bonito Roland Kaiser Craig Buchan Zoe Matthews Carol Engelbach Nancy Nicholas Dennis Frauenhoffer Diana Schwalbert Pat Gang Lvnn Stefaniak Nancy Goeddel Noella Torgerson Scott Haase Betsy Wagner

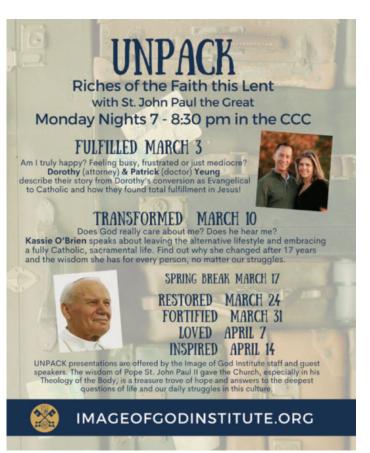
Nick Hummel Eileen Kaiser

Reminder: names are published for 60 days. Please contact the office to add/remove names.

We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus
Wyatt Cook
John Costigan
Caleb Curran
Collin Fitzsimmons
Kamryn Heredia
Jack Jeffers
Isaac Longtin

Austin McHaffie-Sharp Jacob Sarfraz Jared Sheets Grant Staggenborg Jack Vilchis Lucas Weiland Megan Weiland





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Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO 6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO 8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO



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Do you receive email from the parish?

We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails and wish to receive them, please notify Kim Johnson in the parish office at kjohnson@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013.



Grace Robinson, the older sister of, "The Little Flower of Nashville",

will tell the story of her sister Rosie's life. Rosie had stage 4 cancer and died at the age of 19. Despite Rosie's diagnosis, her journey was filled with humor, sports, and the love of the Lord. It is an amazing story of faith and love.

Please join us following the 8:00 am Mass. This is a free event. NO registration required.

Assumption Church -4725 Mattis Rd. - 63129

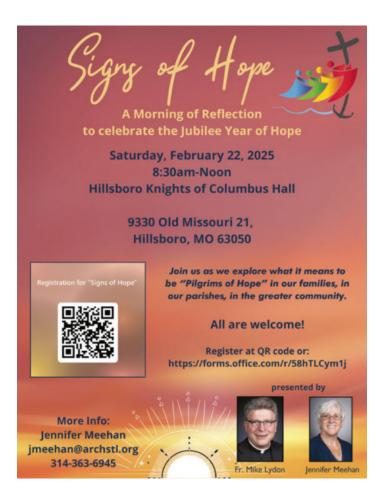


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To learn more or to get involved with Catholic Charities, please contact your Parish Ambassador Carroll Lee Schilly by email at carrolleeschilly@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-973-4042.





Trivia Night

FRIDAY, FEB 21

5:00 - 7:00 PM Cor Jesu Academy 10230 Gravois Road

We can't wait to see YOU for the 3rd annual Middle School Trivia Night. Sign up individually or with a group of friends and join in on the fun!

This event benefits Cor Jesu Academy's mission week, Penny Queen, and the funds raised will be donated to 5 incredible charities. Test your knowledge in categories like movies, music, and more in this spirited event designed for girls in grades 6-7 plus CJA's incoming freshman.

To register, head to corjesu.org/visit



Holy Family Parish
Annual Square Dance
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025
2300 Church Road
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Parish Center Gym
6:00pm-Food Available
7:00pm-Dancing Begins
\$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door
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To register scan the QR code or visit:
www.gabrielsretreat.org



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